



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
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Marie McBride  
Theresa Baino  
Cindy Hickey  
Rob King  
Colin Killick  
Emmanuel Andrade  
Binoj Pradhan  
Emmanuel Andrade

The next meeting of the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities will be held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 167 Holland Street, **Tuesday, November 19, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.**

**PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE ON TIME**

**AGENDA**

**Associate Commission Members**

Kate Thurman

**Director/ADA Coordinator**

Betsy M. Allen

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| 1. | Welcome and Introductions               | 5 min.  |
| 2. | Approval of minutes for October 8, 2013 | 2 min.  |
| 3. | Announcements /Staff & Members          | 5 min.  |
| 4. | Chair's Report                          | 20 min. |
| 5. | Director's Report                       | 10 min. |
| 6. | Holiday Planning & Discussion           | 5 min.  |
| 7. | Public Input                            | 5 min.  |
| 7. | Old Business                            | 5 min.  |
| 8. | New Business                            | 3 min.  |

**This is a scent-free meeting. In consideration of individuals with environmental illness and/or multiple chemicals-sensitivity, please refrain from wearing perfume, after-shave or any other scented products to our meetings. Thank you for your consideration.**

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## Somerville Commission For Persons With Disabilities

Monthly Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2013

6:10 start

Attending Commissioners: Colin Killick (Guest Chair), Kellyann Binari, Binoj Pradhan, Marie McBride, Theresa Baino, Robert King, Emmanuel Andrade, Cindy Hickey

Attending Associate Commissioner: Kate Thurman

Director and ADA Coordinator: Betsy Allen

Guest: Somerville Resident Rev. Ellen Frith

The meeting was held at 167 Holland Street, 2nd floor conference room

### **Documents Used:**

- Agenda for October 8, 2013 CCPD Meeting
- SSCP Bylaws
- Presentation of the universal symbol of access juxtaposed with the new accessibility icon project ([www.accessibleicon.org](http://www.accessibleicon.org))

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Emmanuel Andrade was introduced as a newly sworn in Commissioner.

Kate Thurman was introduced as an Associate Member.

### **2. Commissioners' Report**

There were no reports from Commissioners

### **3. Director's Report**

Betsy Allen spoke regarding the upcoming First Annual National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Commissioners were asked for ideas for entertainment. Colin offered to read some of his poetry.

### **4. Nominations and Presentations for Chair and Secretary**

Kellyann Binari withdrew her nomination for Chair and nominated herself for Secretary

### **5. Elections**

The Commissioners voted Colin Killick as Chair and Kellyann Binari as Secretary.

### **6. New Business**

A. Kate Thurman spoke regarding making a recommendation to the City to change the current Disabilities Icon in favor of a newer icon.

B. Marie McBride spoke regarding asking the Parking and Traffic office if it would be possible to mail parking passes to the elderly and disabled.

It was suggested a link be added from the Commission website for Traffic and Parking website.

C. Kellyann Binari asked that the Agenda and other documents to be shared by e-mail be changed to PDF as it is hard to read the current Doc

D. Emmanuel Andrade recommended the possibility of a link being added to the Commission's website as a means for public updates on accessibility renovations.

E. Emmanuel Andrade proposed a study of parking lots in the City.

F. Kellyann Binari made a motion to form a By-Laws sub-committee, the motion was seconded and passed. Colin Killick appointed Himself, Cindy Hickey and Kellyann Binari to the subcommittee. Colin Appointed Cindy as Chair.

## **7. Old Business**

A. Kellyann Binari asked about a tree root at 296-300 Union Square. Robert King agreed to look into the problem.

## **8. Public Input**

Ellen Frith spoke to the Commission of the following issues.

1. The lack of curb cuts and accessibility to the underpass leading to Assembly Square.

Robert will look into curb cut evaluation in the area.

2. The idea of using citizens to monitor handicap parking violations.

Kellyann explained this issue was brought up at past Commission meetings in which the Chief of Police greatly opposed this due to concerns for retribution and liability. Kellyann made a motion to allow Betsy Allen to ask the Police and Fire departments for a Commission Liaison. The motion was seconded and passed.

9. Motion to adjourn; motion passed; Colin adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Submitted by Kellyann Binari

Approved By:

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